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MEMBERS OF TUNISIAN PARTY: ALI CHAOUACHI
AND HEDI CHENNOUFI

REF: STATE 78492, TUNIS 2052

1. BOTH CHAOUACHI AND CHENNOUFI ARE CAREER BUREAUCRATS WHO HAVE LONG BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE GOVT PRIME MINISTRY AND ITS PREDECESSOR AGENCIES. CHAOUACHI IS DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS WHILE CHENNOUFI HEADS THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. ALONG WITH HAMED ABED, THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL STAFF AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING HIM ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTRY AND OF THE OTHER MINISTRIES. NEITHER, HOWEVER, IS MAJOR POLITICAL FIGURE PLAYING ANY TOP LEVEL ROLE IN THE CARRYING-OUT OF POLICY OR IN THE INNER COUNCILS OF THE DESTOURIAN SOCIALIST PARTY. CHAOUACHI WAS BORN JULY 11, 1936, AT BEJA AND HAS A LICENSE IN LAW. CHENNOUFI, WHO IS ABOUT 60 YEARS OLD, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY OFFICIAL AND SEMI-OFFICIAL MONEY MATTERS.

2. WE HAVE REQUESTED RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS AND ENGLISH
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